



In Touch with FPCR

GIVE THANKS TO GOD!

WHAT IF YOU WOKE UP TODAY WITH ONLY THE THINGS YOU THANKED GOD FOR YESTERDAY?

What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday? The graphic on the left was posted on Facebook. It causes one to stop and think about God's gifts to us and about giving thanks.

The Bible guides us in understanding that we should continuously be giving thanks to God. Some examples include:

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalms 107:1)

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. (Psalms 100:4)

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. (Psalms 69:30)

... giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:20)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

Happy Thanksgiving to you and all of those you love.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Upcoming services are November 8 and 22 with Mr. Paul Zachow, M.A.P.S.

Plans are being made for a Communion Service on Sunday, November 29. Save the date! More info to follow.
- Watch for information about the Thanksgiving Food collection on behalf of the Slinger Food Pantry.

UPCOMING SERVICES

All are welcome for upcoming 10 a.m. Sunday Services.

NOVEMBER 8

AND

NOVEMBER 22

and possibly

NOVEMBER 29

Pencil the date on your calendar for a possible Communion service Sunday, November 29.

Mask required.

Additional information is posted on the website: www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com

ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

Elders

Debbie Heppe
Melissa Kujawa
Rick Romanski
Kenneth Schmidt
Jeff Zeller

Clerk of Session

Elaine Schmidt

Deacons

Cathy Romanski
Cheryl Weber

WELCOME BACK, KEYBOARD PLAYERS

The music of Michael Kieckhafer, Shira Gui, Leah Pokorny, and Tim Wang always adds much to our Sunday service. Even though we are unable to sing hymns during the service at this time, we enjoy the selections made which add an element of music to our services. Beginning October 11, each of the musicians are back on the schedule:

- **Michael Kieckhafer** used his gift of music to play on October 11.
- **Shira Gui** played wonderfully on October 25.
- On November 8 you won't want to miss the music provided by **Leah Pokorny**.

- November 22, our Thanksgiving service, **Tim Wang** will provide music.

Thank you to each of these young people and to their families for supporting our services with wonderful music.

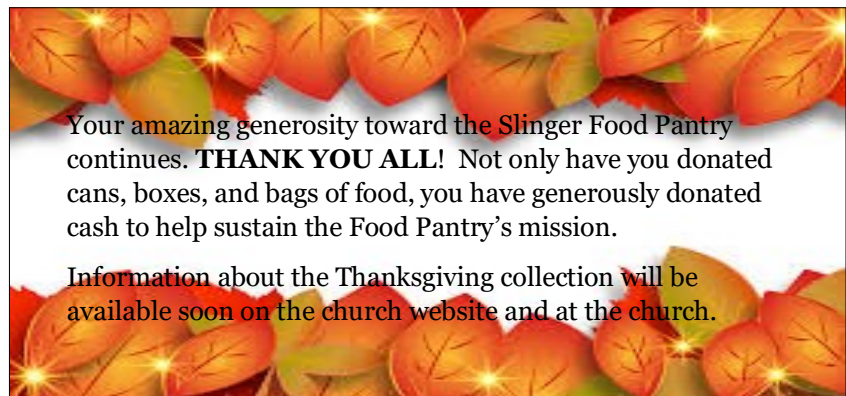
The keyboard players continue to be coordinated by **Karen Bertucci**. Thank you, Karen, for always taking care of our music needs. The people at FPCR appreciate you and your assistance.

Wondering about some of the students who played last year that are not on this list? See page 4 for more information.



PUMPKIN CARVING AT FPCR

After a bit of planning and discussion, **Kate Kujawa** and **Elaine Schmidt** have created a cute pumpkin. A candle at the top, hearts for eyes, a cross for the nose, Bibles for ears, and a BIG smile!



Your amazing generosity toward the Slinger Food Pantry continues. **THANK YOU ALL!** Not only have you donated cans, boxes, and bags of food, you have generously donated cash to help sustain the Food Pantry's mission.

Information about the Thanksgiving collection will be available soon on the church website and at the church.



Remember to Fall Back on November 1 at 2 AM.



SERMON JOTTINGS

*As we move through this time of COVID, and the possibility of having to quarantine, it is sometimes difficult to follow the continuum of church lessons and sermons. With that in mind, here are some summary notes from October's services by **Mr. Paul Zachow, M.A.P.S.***

Date: **October 11, 2020**

Text: Philippians 4:1-9 - From Paul's letter to the Church at Philippi

Sermon: Standing Firm

- We are called to put our differences aside and work together in peace, love, and compassion.
- We are asked to follow an ethic of love.
- We are asked to stand firm in our faith and to put our faith into action as the hands and feet of Christ.
- God is with us no matter what we face in life (including the chaos in our country right now). This reassurance gives us peace, hope, and joy.
- Bring all concerns and joys to God—no matter what they are.
- Love from God will not abandon us.
- Rejoice in hope, love, justice, and in peace.

Date: **October 25, 2020**

Text: Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon: Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself

The Pharisees of the Jewish Temple are testing Jesus. Jesus asserts his authority by proclaiming the two great commandments: *We are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength AND love our neighbor as ourselves.*

- It is God's world . . . not Rome's.
- God's reign and presence are manifested in Jesus, not in the emperor.
- God's blessings extend to ALL people—not just the elite.
- Jesus, not Rome, reveals God's will.
- Today and always, we are called to follow God's commandments and practice love of ourselves, God, and our neighbor.
- Neighbor love—loving our neighbor as ourselves: those who may not look like us, believe like us, live where we live, or think like we think.
- God loves us always. We are called to do the same with other people.
- Neighbor love is “doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God (Micah 6:8)”.
- Put your faith into action! That includes voting your conscience by using your values, faith, and morals.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following individuals with birthdays in **November**. We wish you many more years of God's blessings.

4 - Rev. Barbara Jordan

20 - Anika Pawlak

Previous Keyboard Player

21 - Justin Remillard



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

to the following couples who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in **November**. May the Lord bless you and keep you for many more years to come!

**1 - Rick and Cathy
Romanski**

**20 - Kenneth and Elaine
Schmidt**

**Belated wishes to Jeff
and Jean Zeller whose
anniversary was Oct. 24.**

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND FPCR'S BUDGET . . .

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The young adults associated with FPCR families/friends are affected, like all of us, with changes to normal activities during COVID. We send each of them our love and wish them every success as they work toward degrees at their respective colleges and universities. Enjoy this update:

Emily Fait, granddaughter of Ken and Elaine Schmidt, is a freshman at UW-Madison. She started in-person classes in fall. When the campus saw a spike in COVID cases (especially in her dorm), they put the campus on lockdown and students completed classwork remotely. Imagine lockdown in a dorm room. Since then, Emily and a couple of friends have moved to an apartment which gives a bit more elbow room!

Lexi Fait, granddaughter of Ken and Elaine Schmidt, is a senior at UW-Oshkosh and completing work toward her degree in education. With student teaching on the horizon, Lexi is waiting to hear about her next steps. Her classes are a mix of remote and in-person learning.

Andy Liu, keyboard player, was packed and ready to move to the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia at the end of August and then learned that freshmen wouldn't be heading to campus this semester. So, like others, Andy is home and learning remotely. His comment is that remote learning/college doesn't seem as unmanageable as a lot of people have made it sound.



Anika Pawlak, keyboard player, is on campus at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, for in-person learning. Duke's fall term ends November 24, 2020, and second semester begins again January 20, 2021.

Lydia Wojcieszak, keyboard player and daughter of Eric and Deanna Wojcieszak, transferred from UW-Stevens Point to UW-Milwaukee. Due to COVID, she is taking all classes online and is living at home. She is an art major who is minoring in German. She loves to go hiking, play the piano, and create art in her free time.

While students on campuses are greatly affected by COVID so are the professors. **Brandon Tutkowski**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Wingate University, Wingate, North Carolina, reports that he is working hard. He is teaching classes in person but recording everything for the remote learners. All assignments must be accessible online. Labs are in person only, but students are rotating in and out with quarantines. That creates a lot of additional make-up labs in the evenings and at other times. Brandon reports, ". . . the whole thing is really exhausting!"

We pray for these young people to be kept safe and successful as they continue their classes and necessary activities.

Greetings from FPCR friend
Karen Bertucci.